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# KUFSA Committee 2013

In her continuous effort to promote friendship and exchange among international students from more than 70 countries, KUFSA has formed a new set of committee for the fiscal year of 2013-2014. It is our pleasure to convey to you our profound appreciation for all the support that KUFSA has benefitted from you/your organization over the past years.

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We look forward to your support this year and a more fruitful year for us all

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## "Hi, My Name is **"What"?**"

On my first day in Japan, I immediately went out with a couple of my seniors to have dinner together at the school cafeteria. That day, I was surprised when my senior called me "Nan-Da" in a high intonation and laughed after that. He said my name is super cool and kept calling me in the same way whenever he met me on the orientation days. Soon, I have realized that my name has a meaning in Japanese which means "what". The interesting part is, which I learned while studying Japanese, that "Nanda" is usually used as an expression when people get surprised about something unusual. They commonly say it with a high intonation; "Nan-Da!" or "Nanda Sore!" like the way my senpai called me for the first time.

There are a lot of interesting stories to tell. For instance, when I introduced my name to a Japanese friend, I usually have to repeat it several times ("watashi no namae wa nanda desu") because they think I am asking for my own name. Roughly in English translation, it means "My name is what". It is not rare that some of them laugh after hearing and realizing that "Nanda" is my real name. They will make sure by asking, "Nanda-san desuka?" Some of my friends were surprised after knowing my name. They told me that they have already been calling my name a lot of times in their daily conversation. My sempai even gave me a kanji name, "何田", when we went to Karatsu to make my name funnier for Japanese.

Another interesting experience in Japan is when I went to Kyoto this winter break. That time, one of my Indonesian friends called me in the local subway. He called my name once, "Nanda", while looking at the subway map. It was then responded by a Japanese girl who was seated next to me. She looked confused, pointed her hand to her face and laughed with her friends after that. That time, we didn't understand why she became like that.

For me having this kind of name is an advantage especially in getting more Japanese friends. My name interests them and is easier to remember compared to that of other international people. There were even instances when I met them for the second or the third time that I couldn't remember their name but they could easily recall mine correctly.



# 人生の岐路 「就活」



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皆さんはじめまして。

今回は、卒業を来年に控える日本の学生たちが今まさに佳境を迎える「就活」＝就職活動についてお伝えしたいと思います。ちなみに、これは私の体験に基づくものですので、あくまで参考程度にしておいて下さい。

まず就活とは、学生が卒業後に就職を探す活動の事です。つまり、学生から社会人になる為の重要なタイミングだと思います。就活が始まる時期は地域・人によって変わると思いますし、東京など関東圏では夏から動く人が多いとも聞いております。

私の就活は、概ね12月からスタートしました。12月～2月上旬の多くは、多種多様な業界・企業が一堂に会する「合同説明会」や大学で行われる「個別企業説明会」参加することに時間を費やしました。各企業の説明を聞く中で、社会にはどのような仕事があり、自分はどのようなことがやれる・やりたいのかという考えをまとめる時期でした。合同説明会は企業の紹介が主な目的なので、できるだけ多くの情報を取りに行く方がいいと思いますが、企業によってはすでに選考を見据えて活動していますので、これを採用の一環だという事を忘れずに。

2月ごろから徐々にエントリーシートを書き始めておりました。これは各企業に提出する書類で、今までの人生における経験やその人の考え方などを書くものでした。これも慣れるまではかなり時間が掛かる物です。これと平行して、WEBテストやテストセンターといった企業が指定するテストを受ける必要があります。

そして3月下旬から面接が始まります。ここでは、エントリーシートに書いたこれまでの経験からよりひねったものまでさまざまな質問が飛んできます。企業から内定を貰うにはこれを突破する必要があるのですが、なかなかうまく話す事ができず自信を無くすことが多くあります。そこで是非活用して頂きたいのは友人です。友人と面接練習をすることで、自分では気づく事のできない視点や課題を発見できますし、なによりこの重要な時期をともに過ごせる友人はとても心強い物です。

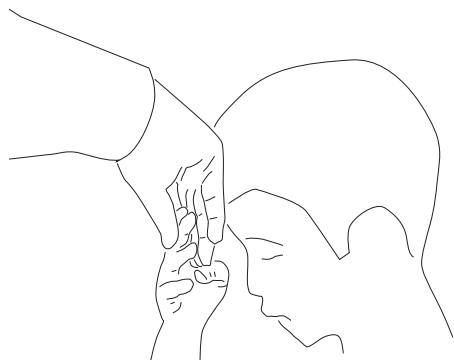
そして企業から無事内々定を頂く事ができれば、卒業までの残り約1年を自分なりの使い方をしながら過ごすことができます。私としては、社会人になる準備をする1年にしたいと考えています。

最後に、就活中はとてもストレスが溜まりますので息抜きが大切です。友人などは一人カラオケなどで発散していましたし、私は1日だけ何も予定を入れずゆったりと過ごすことで息抜きをしておりました。

就活はかなりしんどい物ですが、これからの人生の大きく影響する時期です。きついこともありますが、自分が望んだ結果を得られるよう前向きに行動してもらえればと思います

# Common Greetings

## in Indonesia, Malaysia and The Philippines



■ The Philippines' greeting

Every country has their unique way of performing a greeting to show their respect. For example, a strong handshake or a quick hug is a common way of greeting in the Western culture. In New Zealand, a Hongi is done by pressing the nose and forehead to another person. The Japanese style of "bowing" (お辞儀) is a famous etiquette used in various situations to show respect. In Indonesia, Malaysia, and The Philippines, kids and teenagers greet elders with a significant age difference (parents, teachers, elder family members) by taking the elders hand and placing it on their lips or forehead. Wives also perform this greeting to their husbands. This is done to show respect for the elderly who is believed to have a longer life experience and wisdom.

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# Information from the International Student and Researcher Support Center

**Welcome to Kyushu University!** International Student and Researcher Support Center has been established for international students and researchers to start off your studies or research activities smoothly. Please feel free to contact us when you have any questions or problems.

We extend you our best wishes for your pleasant stay in Fukuoka and fruitful studies and research at Kyushu University.

## Website



Japanese: <http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/>

English: <http://www.isc.kyushu-u.ac.jp/supportcenter/en>

We are providing various information regarding campus facilities, immigration procedures, and events/news for foreign residents in Fukuoka through this website. We hope that you will check our website regularly and get useful information from it.

## Business hours

9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Hospital campus: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm)

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## Location



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## Event information

### Welcome Tea Ceremony for Kyushu University International Students

Kyushu University is planning to hold the Welcome Tea Ceremony for newly enrolled international students of Kyushu University. A tea ceremony teacher will be on hand to help you, so don't worry even if you are a beginner. Why don't you come and enjoy traditional Japanese green tea and confectionery while chatting with Japanese students and other participants?

Date: around May / Venue: Ito Guest House (Ito Campus)

\*We will announce more details through our website.

